Supply of 100 MW power to Assam by NTPC

2030. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement was to be signed in May 1995 to supply 100 MWs power by NTPC to Assam;

(b) whether the same could not materilize as NTPC insisted on RBI guarantee while it was not insisted for other SEBs;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when terms for supply of power to such sensitive areas would be made easier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir. An agreement between NTPC and ASEB was signed in May, 1994 for supply of 100 MWs of power.

(b) to (d) Since the ASEB owed substantial amounts to NTPC on account of supply of power, NTPC had insisted on additional securities before giving effect to the above agreement. Such safeguards were considered prudent by NTPC which has convenants with its leders to keep its receivables position within manageable limits. However, since 28th February, 1997. NTPC has started supply of about 100 MW of extra power to ASEB on an assurance from it that a letter of credit would be opened in favour of NTPC by ASEB within a week's time.

In-principle Clearance of Power Projects

2031. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) project by CEA involves preliminary clearance pertainng to fuel allocation, water availability, clearance of Sate Pollution Control Boards, and other pre-ferability requisities;

(b) if not, the steps involved in IPC;

(c) the number of cases since 1992, where IPC was not found necessary and CEA was asked to process the detailed projects reports; and

(d) the names of these projects and their status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) and (d) Central Electricity Authority (CEA) had been advised not tc entertain any proposal on the Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Intent, etc., route costing more than Rs. 100 crores for accord of 'in-principle' after 31.3.1996. However, in the case of the folowing four proposals, taking into consideration the fact that they had been rcommended by the concerned State Governments and that some of the promoters had made reasonably good porog-ress on their proposals, and the delay in submission of the feasibility reports to CEA was entirely due to reasons beyond the control of the IPP, 'in-principle' clearance was not found necessary and CEA was asked to examine the proposals for accord of techno-economic clearance:—

SI. No	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)
1.	Bangalore " Thermal Power Project. M* NRI tion Capital Corpora-	500
2.	Dharwad Thermal Power Project, M£ Wesco Power Generation Ltd.	300